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Rockdale County Expands Free or Low-Cost Animal Spay/Neuter Services to Hi Roc Shores and Fieldstone View/Country Walk Communities

CONYERS, Ga. – In addition to the Lakeview Estates community, Rockdale County Animal Care & Control is now offering free or low-cost spay/neuter services to residents of the Hi Roc Shores and Fieldstone View/Country Walk community.

Last October, the Georgia Department of Agriculture awarded to Rockdale County a \$5,000 grant as part of its Dog and Cat Sterilization Program, which provided free or low-cost spay/neuter services to Lakeview Estates residents. This year, the County continues to use the funds to target additional areas with a high animal population and other animal-related issues.

"Since October, Animal Care & Control has completed 16 free spay/neuter surgeries for residents in Lakeview Estates. In addition to receiving free spay/neuters, these animals also received rabies vaccines, which not only protects the animals, but also the community," Animal Care & Control Shelter Manager CiJi Baker said.

To schedule surgery for their dog or cat, Lakeview Estates, Hi Roc Shores and Fieldstone View/Country Walk residents must visit the Rockdale County Animal Care & Control Shelter, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., at 1506 Rockbridge Road, Conyers, 30012. Residents much bring to the shelter a current utility bill or lease agreement to show proof of residency in those two communities. Georgia driver's licenses will not be accepted.

Once residents in these three communities schedule a surgery date for their cat or dog, they will simply drop off and pick up their animal from the shelter on that scheduled date.

In addition to the free spay/neuter services, the shelter is partnering with a local veterinarian to cover the costs of rabies vaccines, and antibiotics and pain medications that may be prescribed after the surgery.

To date, Animal Care & Control has used a total of \$960 of the \$5,000 grant to provide free spay/neuter surgeries in Rockdale.

For more information about the program, please call the Rockdale County Animal Care & Control Shelter at 770-278-8403.

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